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TODAY and TOMORROW

An Empty Pageant

A RIOT of dissension among the leading representatives of the Big Three in San Francisco, namely, Stettinius, Molotov and Eden, is preceding the opening of the plenary session of the so-called World Security Conference. Stettinius, Molotov and Eden violently disagree among themselves not only on the thorny problem of Poland, but also on such trivial questions as who should preside over what meetings.

These differences are just symptoms of the fundamental incompatibility between the Anglo-Americans on the one hand, and the Soviets on the other. It is an incompatibility which, it would seem, the Soviets are determined to rub in, more and more aggressively in the days to come. They are already masters of all Europe east of Germany. And even Greece, Belgium, Italy and France look up to Russia rather than to Britain and America for help and support in the post-war world. General de Gaulle has indicated more than once how little he cares for Anglo-American friendship.

In face of such obvious bickerings and squabbles among the so-called United Nations, one is safe in predicting that the San Francisco Conference will prove nothing more than an empty pageant. May be, it will be an occasion for a lot of sound and fury, but that will signify nothing. Not one of the big nations that are being represented in San Francisco really cares for a new and better world order. What everyone of them is interested in is how best to advance its own interests even at the expense of other countries. At any rate, this can be said of the United States and Britain without any fear of controversy.

While America is openly out for a dominating position in the post-war world, Britain is also pursuing a similar objective, though not so openly. That Britain has no intention whatever to relax her strangle hold on unhappy India has been repeated for the umpteenth time by Amery when he said on Friday night at Birmingham that there could be no greater disaster than to allow India to become the sport of party politics.

To give additional plausibility to Britain's determination to retain India in her clutches, the British are now stage-managing a visit to England of a number of Indian Princes and States' Ministers to define their attitude to the question of any change in the Indian constitution. We know beforehand what that attitude will be. It will be reactionary in the extreme.

We can always count on the British ingenuity to find some obstruction or other to granting us real self-government. That is why it is folly to expect India's salvation from San Francisco Conference or any other Conference in which Britain takes an influential part.

PRINCES BEING COAXED TO VISIT BRITISH "PARLOUR" TO PERPETUATE IN DIA SLAVERY

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Native States To Be Made As Stumbling Block For India's Unification

Striking evidence of Britain's notorious "Divide and Rule" policy in India and the determination of the British Government to continue their domination and exploitation of India are contained in the latest reports received here on Saturday. Having succeeded in their nefarious plans to pitch the Moslem League against the Indian National Congress, the British authorities are now feverishly trying to induce the Indian Princes to stand in the way of India's complete independence.

A despatch from London states that a number of Indian princes and States Ministers are contemplating a visit to England to define to the British Government the attitude of the states to any future constitution. The despatch adds that this report has been received in London political circles with much interest. This is but natural because the British people always welcome anything that will delay the grant of complete independence to India.

Commenting on the proposed visit of the Indian princes to England, Labour Member of Parliament, Sorensen, said, "It is obviously an attempt on the part of the British Government to prepare an obstruction against any advance towards real self-government in India. But in spite of the weight usually but not necessarily warrantably attached to the Indian

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Indian Delegates At San Francisco "Sail Under False Colours"

Lisbon, April 28 (Domei)—The Indian delegation to the San Francisco Conference was severely criticized by Jawaharlal Nehru's sister, Mrs. Pandit, now in San Francisco, according to a dispatch received here

At a press conference Mrs. Pandit declared: "I desire to make it clear that the so-called three Indian representatives attending the San Francisco Conference have not the slightest representative capacity, no sanction of mandate from any responsible groups in India and are merely nominees of the British Government. Anything they say here or any vote they cast has no binding effect or force on the people of India."

Charging the delegates with "sailing under false colours" Mrs. Pandit continued: "India is the pivot of the whole system of imperialism and colonialism, which always breeds war."

Lord Wavell To Resign Indian Viceroyalty?

Lisbon, April 28 (Domei)—Speculation is rife among informed quarters in London that Lord Wavell, Viceroy of India may threaten to resign over differences with the British Government regarding Britain's policy toward India, according to a London dispatch.

The message said all talks appear to have so far broken down because of the dogged refusal of Churchill and Amery to make any revision in their policy.

It was further pointed out that Wavell appears to have run into considerable difficulties as the Indian Viceroy's visit in London has dragged out to a considerable period. Wavell, on his arrival in the British capital, it will be recalled, said his visit was for only a short time.

According to a despatch from London, the London journal "Great Britain and the East," in its editorial yesterday admits that the crisis facing the British Raj in India is indeed a very serious one.

The article goes on to say that Lord Wavell, during his 18 months of Governor Generalship in India realised that the situation was very critical for the British Raj and therefore went posthaste to Britain to see whether he could induce his masters in Whitehall to give some concessions to India and thus appease the nationalist forces in the country. However, says the journal, it is not necessary to assume that the Viceroy's mind runs in the direction of further concessions to the Congress Party or any other party.

Meanwhile, a report from New Delhi states that in a desperate attempt to appease the nationalist forces in the country, the British authorities have ordered the unconditional release of 19 more political prisoners in Orissa. The report adds that restrictions on 33 members already released have been withdrawn.

TENNO HEIKA GREETS 44TH BIRTHDAY IN BEST OF HEALTH

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Tokyo, April 29 (Domei)—TENNO HEIKA today greeted His Imperial Majesty's 44th birthday in the best of health.

In the Imperial Palace ceremonies were held in observance of the fourth Tencho-setsu since the outbreak of the War of Greater East Asia. No state banquet was held this year just as in the past war years, but those who qualified were allowed to express felicitations from 9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.

This auspicious day was also celebrated throughout the nation in appropriate manner.

Fresh American Attempt Foiled On Okinawa

A Nippon Base in Okinawa Islands, April 29 (Domei)—Following his abortive offensive on April 26 in the southern sector of Main Okinawa Island, the enemy again launched a new offensive from early morning on April 28 in the sector on the eastern side of Kochi. However this fresh offensive, made by approximately 500 troops and 20 tanks, was once again smashed by Nippon forces when they put four enemy tanks out of commission and inflicted more than 200 casualties on the enemy.

In the sector on the western side of Maeda a fierce battle is now raging between Nippon forces and more than 500 enemy troops who, supported by more than 50 tanks, managed to reach a line linking Nakama and Gusukuma.

Meanwhile, Nippon special attack air units are wreaking havoc on enemy warcraft and vessels by repeated death-defying assaults. Shortly after 5 a.m. on April 27 our special attack air units were seen plunging into the midst of enemy warcraft and vessels operating in waters west of Main Okinawa Island and their war results remain to be confirmed.

In waters off Katena our special attack air units at 9.45 p.m. April 27 instantaneously sank one battleship or cruiser and set ablaze three enemy warcraft of unidentified category which were eventually sent to the bottom.

Premier Suzuki, Army And Navy Leaders Confer

Tokyo, April 28 (Domei)—Dr. Hiroshi Shimomura, President of the Board of Information, in a statement issued today revealed that the highest army and naval leaders met in conference last night with Premier Admiral Baron Kantaro Suzuki and frankly discussed measures for ensuring victory in the war.

Those who took part in the discussion were revealed to be General Yoshijiro Umezu, Chief of Army General Staff, Admiral Koshiro Oikawa, Chief of Naval General Staff, General Korechika Anami, War Minister, Admiral Mitsumasa Yonai, Navy Minister, Lieutenant-General Torashiro Kawake, Vice-Chief of Army General Staff, Vice-Admiral Jizaburo Ozawa, Vice-Chief of Naval General Staff and others.

Dr. Shimomura's statement declared: "Centering around Premier Suzuki, army and naval leaders met at the Premier's official residence on the evening of April 27 and exchanged frank opinions regarding measures for certain victory in the war."

Ceylon Revolutionary Leader Now Rearrested For Anti-Br. Activities

Dr. Colvin de Silva of Colombo, the well-known anti-British revolutionary and President of the Samajist Party, which has been banned by the British authorities has been re-arrested in India, according to a despatch from Colombo. Dr. Colvin de Silva escaped from British prison in 1942, and was reported to be actively participating in anti-British activities in India.

The despatch adds that four leading members of the Samajist Party were arrested in Ceylon in 1940 under the so-called Defence Regulations but escaped in 1942 after which the party was banned by the British Raj and its prominent members rounded up. The despatch revealed three of the members who escaped from prison were arrested in Bombay in July, 1946.

More Enemy Warcraft Battered Off Okinawa

A Nippon Base in Ryukyu Islands, April 29 (Domei)—With improvement in weather conditions in the Okinawa sector, heroic air units of our special attack corps and other air units yesterday intensified their attacks on warcraft and transports around Main Okinawa Island and heavily damaged two aircraft-carriers, one battleship, and one transport.

Foe Positions On Kerama; Naka Base Raided, Blasted

A Nippon Base in Ryukyu Islands, April 29 (Domei)—Nippon air units last night carried out an effective bombing raid on enemy positions on the Kerama Group, strafing bivouac quarters and setting one enemy plane afire.

Other units of the Nippon air force meanwhile attacked Naka Airfield on Main Okinawa Island and caused a big fire to start at four places among enemy ground facilities.

Enemy Push In South Okinawa Sector Checked

A Nippon Base in the Okinawa Sector, April 28 (Domei)—Nippon forces entrenched in the central height sector, in the southern part of Okinawa Main Island, by evening of April 26 completely checked the offensive launched on the morning of the same day by powerful enemy infantry contingents spearheaded by tanks. The enemy offensive was made under cover of naval and artillery shelling.

Shortly after 11.00 a.m. April 27, enemy infantry supported by four tanks attacked the Nippon position in the Onaga area, but were repulsed in a severe Nippon counter-attack, in which the enemy suffered heavy casualties and the loss of two tanks. This enemy force numbering about 500 men retreated to a point north of Kochi, where it is now constructing positions.

In the neighbourhood of Maeda and Chuma, a fierce enemy offensive was carried out on April 27 but without any success. Approximately 1,000 enemy troops, headed by 20 tanks, were routed when they attempted to advance in the area south of Maeda.

It is estimated that the Nippon forces during the period from April 1 up to April 23 killed or wounded approximately 15,000 American troops and blasted 269 tanks.

A Nippon Base in the Ryukyu Islands, April 28 (Domei)—In another series of devastating bombing attacks against enemy warcraft and transports in Okinawa waters, Nippon special attack corps yesterday sank two cruisers and four large transports, and heavily damaged another cruiser.

One of the cruisers sunk has been identified as the "Savannah." It was sunk at a point 69 miles northeast of Okinawa Main Island. The four transports were sent to the bottom in waters southeast of Daitojima.

Grand East Asia Rally Slated For Tomorrow

Tokyo, April 29 (Domei)—With the aim of reaffirming Nippon's determination to establish Greater East Asia and at the same time drive home the Greater East Asia Joint Statement passed at the recent Greater East Asia Ambassadorial Conference, to the one billion peoples of Greater East Asia, the Asia Development Headquarters of the Imperial Rule Assistance Association will sponsor a grand rally of Greater East Asiatic peoples at the Gunjinkaikan here on May 1.

The function will be attended by various representatives from Nippon, Manchoukuo, China, the Philippines, Thailand, Burma, India, Mengchiang, Indonesia, Annam, Cambodia and others. The program will include an address by General Iwane Matsui President of the Asia Development Headquarters, the issuance of declarations and resolutions, and addresses by various representatives.

Fifth Indian Division Chief Killed In Air Crash

Lisbon, April 28 (Domei)—Major-General Dermot Fredrick William Warren, Commander of the Fifth Indian Division in Burma, has been killed in an air crash, according to a New Delhi dispatch received here today.

Syonan Fetes Tencho Setsu; Mass Rally, Free Cinemas, Children's Concert Highlight Festivities

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The Tencho Setsu celebrations yesterday were marked by a series of demonstrations of loyalty and affection throughout Syonan.

All sections of the local populace took an undiminished interest in the observance of the day in spite of the critical phase of the war, and it would be no exaggeration to say that the day was observed with due solemnity and keen enthusiasm.

The city area of Syonan-to was beflagged throughout the day and the Hinomaru was seen flying proudly even in the remotest parts of the Island

Although the festivities commenced the previous evening with a big concert at the Dai Toa Gekijo, the festivities proper were ushered in yesterday morning with the grand rally at the Municipal Plaza at which leaders of all the local communities re-affirmed their loyalty and pledged their wholehearted support to Nippon for the successful prosecution of the Dai Toa Senso.

The mass rally was attended by large sections of the various communities and was presided by His Excellency the Mayor.

In connection with the observance of the day, the various cinemas in the city had free shows and every theatre hall was packed to capacity at every show.

At the Dai Toa Gekijo there was another big concert last evening at which children artistes from the various communities contributed some highly interesting items of song, dance and music.

To the Indian programme, the children of the Indian National School contributed a number of highly entertaining items while half a dozen Indian children, under the leadership of Kumari Indira Nair, performed the "Deepak" Dance to the great delight of the audience. Kumari Indira Nair was again in the picture when she appeared in the role of the Harijan girl. The accompanying songs for the dance items were sung by Kumari S. N. Saraswathy while the music was supplied by the Provisional Government of Azad Hind Broadcasting Station Orchestra under the leadership of 2/Lt. Abdul Rahman.

There was a heavy congestion of traffic throughout the day and the omnibuses and trolley buses carried overflowing crowds of cinema goers and others.

There were many sports activities throughout the afternoon in which large sections of sporting fans took part.

Late Lt. Colonel Fujii's Brilliant War Record

(By A War Correspondent)

A Nippon Base in the Southern Regions, April. 27 (Domei)—Acclaimed as the reincarnation of the late air hero, Major-General Kato, by Nippon airmen, Lieut.-Colonel Tatsujiri Fujii whose receipt of a citation was recently reported to the Throne, as commander of the Denko (Lightning) fighter unit, piled up a record of 3,200 flying hours since he first participated in attacks against enemy bases in the interior of China immediately upon the outbreak of the China Affair.

The fiery commander of the Denko fighter unit met gallant death 25 kilometres off Nha Trang, Indochina, on March 28 after shooting down one enemy P-38 and two B-24's in a fierce dogfight with 30 enemy P-38 fighters and 12 B-24 bombers.

The Denko unit under the able training of Lieut.-Colonel Fujii became an invincible fighter unit which not only chalked up a record of 700 enemy planes shot down, but also boasted two recipients of individual citations, Sergeants-Major Anabuki and Ofusa

On the morning of his last flight Lieut.-Colonel Fujii took off from the base in the leading plane as usual circling over the airfield to cover the take-off of his men. This tender regard for his men has always been the object of reverence of our airmen.

The gallant death of Lieut.-Colonel Fujii who followed war hero Major-General Kato, was indeed a heavy blow to our airmen who are however resolved to fulfil the wishes of their late commander by becoming ace fighter pilots. The watchword of this invincible fighter unit is now "avenge our commander."

Princes Coaxed To Retard Indian Independence

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princes, far more weight must be given to the political consciousness of India," Sorensen concluded.

Typical of British attempt to "Divide and Rule" India is a statement by Sir Frank Brown, Honorary Secretary of the East India Association in London. Sir Frank said, "The Indian states are far too often left out of account in discussions in Britain on India's political future and too little is heard about the remarkable administrative and social progress they have made in recent years. The forthcoming visit of the Princes and Prime Ministers should have the effect of bringing home to the British public the inevitable failure of any attempted solution of the Indian constitutional problem which does not adequately recognise the importance of the part the States have to play in India's future," Sir Frank concluded.

Meanwhile, the arch-hypocrite, Leopold Amery, Secretary of State for India, addressing a gathering of Conservatives in Birmingham on Saturday night, said that there could be no greater disaster than to allow India to become the sport of party politics. He added that the peace and happiness of the world depends on the finding of the right solution of India's constitutional difficulties But he omitted to mention that it is the British Government, of which he is a member, which has always stood in the way of India's constitutional progress.

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Germans Hold Out In Face Of Soviet Thrusts

Lisbon, April 29 (Domei)—The German pocket inside battered Berlin is based on Tiergarten, Unter Den Linden, and Friedrichs. Potsdam and Anhalter stations and heavy Soviet cannon, in one of the most terrible barrages in history are pouring fire inside that pocket, according to dispatches received here.

Meanwhile, Soviet forces north of the capital extended their operations across the Mecklenburg Plains on an expanding 81-mile front, and gained up to 22 miles toward Restock and Hamburg. Marshal Gregory Zhukov's First White Russian Tanks and Tommy - gunners hammered within pistol range of Tiergarten, it was also revealed.

Zhukov's troops captured the western half of the north-western city district of Moabit on the northern bank of the Spree River across Tiergarten. At the same time, the dispatch said, they crossed the Spree and seized the north-western part of the western district of Charlottsburg.

In the southern part of Berlin, Zhukov's troops broke through blazing Schoeneberg.

In south-western Berlin Marshal Ivan Koniev's First Ukrainians captured the city district of Friendenau and pushed three miles to join Zhukov's army on the south bank of the Spree at Ruhle Eben.

Enemy Submarine Sunk In Southwest Pacific

A Nippon Base in the Southwest Pacific, April 28 (Domei)—A Nippon surface unit on the night of April 26 sank an enemy submarine in the southwest Pacific.

First Step Taken Toward Indonesian Freedom

Macassar, April 29 (Domei)—As a step toward the realization of Indonesian independence, in keeping with Nippon's already announced aim, the Naval Administration today formally announced regulations providing for the institution of an advisory council system in the Celebes, South Borneo, Ceram and the Lesser Sundas, the regulations being effective immediately, the appointment of councillors is expected to follow quickly.

The decision of the Naval Administration provides for the establishment of three types of advisory councils. One will be attached to the Central Naval Administration Headquarters, another to the District Civil Administration and a third to the Provincial Administration. The advisory councils will be entrusted with the task of making constructive suggestions in political and administrative affairs.

The announcement issued by the Naval Administration is significant not only as a further manifestation of Nippon's sincerity to foster the aspirations of the Indonesian races, but also as a definite indication that Nippon desires that Indonesians in the Celebes, South Borneo, Lesser Sundas and Ceram should ultimately attain independence on an equal footing with Indonesians in Djawa.

Manchoukuo Premier & Suite Return Home

Hsinking, April 28 (Domei)—Premier Chang Ching-hui, having accomplished the mission of dispatching a personal message from His Majesty the Emperor of Manchoukuo to His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of Nippon, return here together with members of his suite today, the Information Bureau of the Manchoukuo Government announced this afternoon.

SYONAN TOKUBETU-SI NOTICE No. 40

Re: Sale of Engo Saiken (Relief Lottery Tickets)

Sale of 2nd Term Engo Saiken to the public in Syonan will be made as follows:—

1. TOTAL AMOUNT OF SALE: $500,000.
2. SALE PRICE: $5.00 per ticket.
3. PRIZES:

	No. of Winning Tickets	Amount of Prize	Total
1st Prize	1	$50,000	$50,000
Consolation Prizes (Nos. immediately preceding & following 1st Prize)	2	1,000	2,000
2nd Prize	1	20,000	20,000
3rd "	3	10,000	30,000
4th "	3	5,000	15,000
5th "	4	1,000	4,000
6th "	20	700	14,000
7th "	100	500	50,000
8th "	200	250	50,000
9th "	300	50	15,000
10th "	10,000	5	50,000
	10,634		$300,000

4. PERIOD OF SALE: 1st to 15th May, Showa 20.
5. DATE OF DRAWING: 20th May, Syowa 20.
6. PERIOD OF PRIZE PAYMENT: 21st May to 10th June, Showa 20.
7. PLACE AND METHOD OF PRIZE PAYMENT: Prizes will be paid at the Zaimu-ka, Syonan Tokubetu-si. No payment will be made after the above period of payment. Except in the case of Post Offices, the 10th prize will be paid at the respective places of sale, the amount paid out by sellers to be refunded by the Zaimu-ka.
8. PLACE OF SALE: Banks; Post Offices; Syonan Bussi Haikyu Kumiai and its appointed dealers; New World and the Great World; Cinema Halls; Bukit Timah Park; Yamato Park; Oversea Chinese Association; Indian Welfare Association; Malai Welfare Association; Arab Welfare Association; Eurasian Welfare Association; Pawnshops; Syonan Sports Dealers Kumiai; Syonan Tokubetu-si Zaimu-ka; Syonan Precious Metal in Syonan; Tobacco Manufacturers Kumiai; Salt Fish Kumiai; Fruit & Vegetable Kumiai; Rice Importation Kumiai; Charcoal Kumiai; Restaurateurs Kumiai.
9. No objection against Nippon-zin making purchases.

29th April, Syowa 20.

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